

SUBURBAN ASSOCIATIONS.

List of Officers Together With Time and Place of Meeting.

IN THE ALTER OF THESE ASSOCIATIONS THE FIRES ARE BURNING FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE SUBURBS.

Citizens' Northwest Suburban Association.

Meetings are held the First Friday Evening in Each Month in the Town Hall, Tenleytown, D. C.

OFFICERS:

President, Charles C. Lancaster; 1st Vice-President, Col. Robt. I. Fleming; 2nd Vice-President, Hon. John B. Henderson; 3rd Vice-President, John Sherman; 4th Vice-President, Rev. Joseph C. Mallon; 5th Vice-President, Rev. J. McBride Sterrett; Secretary, Dr. J. W. Chappell; Treasurer, Charles R. Morgan; Chairman Executive Committee, Louis P. Shoemaker.

Total Membership about 150.

Brightwood Avenue Citizens' Association.

Meetings are held the Second Friday Evening in Each Month in Brightwood Hall.

OFFICERS:

President, Louis P. Shoemaker; 1st Vice-President, Wilton J. Lambert; 2d Vice-President, N. E. Robinson; 3d Vice-President, Thomas Blagden; 4th Vice-President, Dr. Henry Darling; Secretary, John G. Keene; Treasurer, N. E. Robinson.

Total Membership about 200.

North Capital and Eckington Citizens' Association.

Meetings are held the Fourth Monday Evening in Each Month in the Church of the United Brethren, Corner North Capital and K Streets.

OFFICERS:

President, Irwin B. Linton; Vice President, Washington Topham; Treasurer, W. W. Porter; Secretary A. O. Tingley; Executive Committee The officers and Messrs. Jay F. Bancroft, Theo. T. Moore and W. J. Fowler.

Total Membership about 280.

Takoma Park Citizens' Association.

Meetings are held the Last Friday Evening in Each Month in the Town Hall, Takoma Park, D. C.

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N. E. WASHINGTON LOCALS

Reported Specially for the CITIZEN.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss Edith May Peake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Peake, to Mr. Jacob Allen Gorman on Wednesday evening, Oct. 10, at 8 o'clock, at Trinity M. E. Church. The young couple will reside at Asheville, N. C., where the groom is in business.

LANGDON NEWS.

The laying of the cornerstone of the Standard Buttermine Company's new factory at this place will take place at 3.30 o'clock this (Saturday) afternoon.

BENNING LOCALS.

Reported Specially for the Citizen.

Unless a coating of gravel is put over the clay-bank at the bridge soon this community will be swamped.

They say Andrew Duval is booked to make a Democratic speech before the club in a few days.

The usual weekly scandal failed to materialize, but the boys are having some fun at Dick Brown's expense on account of his conduct at the Junction two weeks ago to-night.

BRIGHTWOOD NEWS.

There was a large and enthusiastic meeting of the Citizens' Association held Wednesday evening with President Shoemaker in the chair. Addresses were made by Messrs. B. H. Warner, Wilton J. Lambert and others and committees for the ensuing year were announced by the president.

IN NEW QUARTERS.

Dr. Walter A. Wells, the throat and ear specialist, has just taken the splendid three-story dwelling at 1333 Fourteenth street, N. W., formerly owned by Dr. Frye. He has a fine suite of offices on the ground floor and is quite busy with his large office and hospital practice.

Device to Scald Train Robbers.

On the new locomotives of the Denver and Rio Grande railway nozzles have been placed on the roofs of the cabs pointing at the rear of the tender and the platform of the front end of the baggage car. These connect to the hot water of the boiler through a cock convenient to the engine driver or fireman, who can instantly send a jet of mixed steam and boiling water, at 200 pounds pressure that would effectually kill anybody happening to be in its range. The jet is for protection against train robbers.

Origin of Name Kearsarge.

It is not generally known, but the name Kearsarge, applied to the mountain and the warship, is not of Indian origin at all. An officer of the hydrographic office here says that it is a combination of letters formed from the yankee name Hezekiah Sargent, an old farmer, who lived near the New England peak.

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CAREER OF THE CLAM.

AN ENTHUSIASTIC SAILOR AND TRAVELER IN HIS YOUTH.

More Sluggish in Old Age—James L. Kellogg's Study of the Habits of This Mollusk—It is Rapidly Being Extirpated—The Starfish Its Great Enemy

Most folk look upon the clam as a very commonplace, plebeian creature—one whose intimate acquaintance is rather to be avoided, and who is to be tolerated only during the summer months, when his aristocratic cousin, the oyster, is enjoying his long vacation. In fact, his very name has been a synonym for obloquy, and only lately the lobster, which also deserved better treatment from the human family, came to share this melancholy distinction with him.

Great public services of the clam have been long forgotten. Hardly any one nowadays ever recalls the fact that during the darkest days of old Plymouth Colony he flung himself into the breach to save the Pilgrim forefathers from great privations, if not from actual starvation, yet now their descendants have given him the cold shoulder in favor of the oyster, whose greatest accomplishment is that, under favorable circumstances, he can turn over without assistance in his native element, and even this is denied by some who have made a study of his habits.

Now at last a sturdy champion has come forward to plead the cause of the abused mollusk. He is James L. Kellogg, and he writes from the biological laboratory of the United States Fish Commission at Wood's Hole, Mass., for the United States Fish Commission Bulletin, under the title of "Observations of the Life History of the Common Clam—Mya Arenaria." He shows that, so far from being an unintelligent entity, happy only when dreaming his life away beneath the rushing waters of the incoming tide, the clam in his youthful days is an enthusiastic sailor, going from one little port to another in his graceful double-hulled craft, and when overtaken by storms throwing out lines to secure moorings and riding out the tempest.

When the gale has passed he casts off his tiny hawsers and sails on to his destination. His cables possess advantages over those of hemp, for they are elastic and therefore seldom snap under any strain to which they can be subjected, but should one part it is the work of only a few minutes for the clam to construct another, somewhat as the spider spins his web.

The clam's rope walk is in a little sack at the base of his foot. The secretion there discharged hardens almost immediately into a fine filament, and Mr. Kellogg with a fine needle has drawn from a baby mya, by pulling gently but steadily, a cord two inches long in fifteen minutes. As this little clam measures less than a quarter of an inch across, this was as much of an undertaking as if Mr. Kellogg himself had spun a rope seventy feet long in the same time.

The little foot, in the shape of a plowshare, is another marvelous member. It serves to carry the clam from place to place over the solid ground, and then may be used as a shovel with which he can bury himself deep from prying eyes. Even the smallest clams will try to bury themselves upon occasions. They will try it when only a little larger than the grains of sand they are trying to displace. Mr. Kellogg has watched baby clams keep at it persistently until at last as a reward he has transferred them to sand of a finer grade, into which they promptly sink from view. Clams of from one to two inches long bury themselves in from thirty-five to forty minutes in ordinary sand, but it takes them a much longer period to reach their usual depth of several inches.

The little clams have a jolly time in summer, too, for they spend the greater part of their time in June, July and August attached by their byssus threads to floating seaweed, with which they drift through the cool salt water. Millions of them perish at this period, however, for they cast loose in deep water, sink to the bottom, and drown, for a clam's best chance of living to fulfill his higher destiny in a fritter or stewpan is to take his abode for the period of maturity somewhere between the high and low water marks, where he is alternately covered and left dry by the ever-flowing water of the ocean. Still there are exceptions to this rule, and as them Mr. Kellogg cites Salt Pond, at Wakefield, R. I., from which good clams have been taken in considerable quantities, which have never known the motion of the tides.

The clam, too, has the same enemies as the oyster. Many of his races die to glut the hunger of the rapacious starfish, and the oyster drill occasionally, but not so often, inflicts a mortal wound by boring through his shell. In the Kickemuit River, in Rhode Island, countless millions of the young clams were found drifting about in the seaweed and eelgrass, in which were great numbers of the animated stars waiting only to get hungry to claim their victims.

Having survived these perils of the deep and guided at last to a safe haven, the clam's days of youth rapidly pass. He grows fat and heavy; his shells elongate and become flattened. The active foot does not keep pace with his growth in other directions, and his movements become more sluggish. The siphon through which he breathes and takes his food can no longer be drawn entirely into his encasement, but hangs out between the shells. He buries himself deeper and deeper, and at last comes no more to the surface of the sand, but rests, with his supply pipe pointing upward along the channel by which he came, occasionally ejecting a jet of water just to let the world know that he is alive.

If by any chance he has fallen against a rock or other hard substance his shell accommodates itself to its contour. Safe from drill and starfish, from storm, and the depths of the sea, he rests after his career of excitement, forgetting the events of his earlier life, and awaiting only the shovel of the digger. And who shall now say that he has not earned his repose?

In another paper published by the United States Fish Commission Mr. Kellogg points out that the clam is rapidly being exterminated by being taken to market when too small, and this is particularly true in Narragansett Bay, where four or five years ago clams were plentiful, but now are scarce. When young they are hardy and can be planted with great facility. The experiment has been tried in the Essex river in Massachusetts, and was successful only in a measure, for while the cultivated clams were of more uniform size than those produced without the aid of man, and sold for \$1.75 a barrel, while the wild ones brought only \$1.50, poaching defeated the industry.

It was found that planters preferred to take clams from any bed but their own, and the Selectmen could not be brought to inflict any penalties for taking that which since the beginning had been regarded as the property of every man.—New York Times

A Back Number.

"Son-in-law of mine, too," groaned the hale and hearty old gentleman. "As bright a young fellow as I ever knew. I loved him as though he were my own flesh and blood. I never got such a throw down from the time I began to work at fifty cents a day to the present time."

"You always told me that he was a veritable Napoleon of finance."

"So I did, and so he is," and the old gentleman made a sorry attempt to laugh. "And I encouraged him in it. I must admit that, I literally drummed it into him that business was business and that sentiment, friendship, even relationship, had to be put aside when it came to striving for money."

"But what has he done? Nothing criminal?"

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Here the old gentleman groaned again. "I went away for a vacation. What more natural than that my son-in-law should vote my stock? I gave him authority to do so and I've no doubt that the young rascal recalled all that I had told him. He elected himself president, chose his own board of directors and increased the salary of his position \$5000 per annum. He just jolies me when I take him to task and tells me I should have no cares for the rest of my life. I'm simply turned out to pasture. My, what a boy!"—Detroit Free Press.

The First Words.

A curious little story comes from an English officer invalided home from South Africa. The eldest son of a well-known duke had a younger brother in Ladysmith, and was naturally anxious and eager for his safety. He himself was serving with the forces of General Buller and was through all the long and arduous campaign which preceded the relief of that place. When it became known that the road was at last open the young nobleman was sent forward with the forces to enter the town. He soon found his brother, whom his eyes had been yearning to see for so many long and weary months. "Hallo, Jack!" he shouted, and then in his excitement and pleasure, for the life of him he couldn't think what to say next. At last he blurted out: "Old Tom, the gardener, is dead." An anti-climax which, in spite of the apparently mournful character of the news, caused both the brothers to roar with laughter. Such was the first item of home news which the younger one heard after a sickening period of anxious waiting.—Chicago News.

Horses Only Two Feet High.

Perhaps the most remarkable discovery ever made in America was the diminutive race of horses found recently near a great lake in the wilds of Wyoming. The tiny equines, though less than two and a half feet high, were perfect specimens of fully matured horses. Exact images of fine horseflesh as seen to-day, they were nevertheless smaller than any pony living at present. Amusement filled the minds of the scientific men who found the little animals.

Thousands of them inhabited the shores of the lake, yet they have never been found elsewhere. Perhaps some choice food peculiarly adapted to their needs grew along its shores. It is doubtful if they were ever ridden by man, and certainly a human of normal size would never have attempted to bestride so small a creature. If dwarfs rode upon the hilliputian steeds, no traces of their presence have yet been found.

Old Suffrage Requirements.

Until a few years ago Minnesota accorded the right of suffrage to civilized Indians certified by district courts to be fit for the exercise of the suffrage. In Florida a requirement of suffrage was enrollment in the local militia. Tennessee provided that persons of color who were competent witnesses in a court of justice against a white man might vote in that State.—New York Sun.

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